

Yes, Sir. The reasons for delay are as under:

- (i) Financial constraints being faced by the concessionaire, resulting in inadequate deployment of manpower and machinery on site.
- (ii) Delay in handing over of land from Airport Authority of India for Mahipalpur-IGI flyover.
- (iii) Delay in handing over of Defence land at RTR Palam, Rajokri and IFFCO Chowk.
- (iv) Land has not been handed over the border Toll Plaza by Government of Haryana.
- (v) Delay in shifting of 66 KV line by BSES near Radisson Hotel.
- (vi) Stay by High Court of Punjab and Haryana for acquisition of a building for construction of toll plaza at km 42.
- (vii) Change of scope: Some improvements were added to project facilities to cater to unprecedented growth in Gurgaon area.

(c) and (d) Following steps have been taken to expedite the project:

- (i) The project is monitored at highest level in NHAI.
- (ii) The Committee of Secretaries constituted to remove bottlenecks in NHDP projects have taken up issues of acquisition of land from Airport Authority of India and Ministry of Defence.
- (iii) Efforts are made for acquisition of land from Government of Haryana.

Stretches of NHs in Bihar under NHDP-III

†986. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to criterion fixed for selection of road stretches under the National Highways Development Project a proposal is being considered to earmark Bindu Dobhi to Bodhgaya to Gaya and from Gaya to Patna under Phase-III of Golden Quadrilateral corridor in Bihar; and

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(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the same would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) There is no Phase III of Golden Quadrilateral or Corridor. Around 125 km. length of Patna-Gaya-Dobhi section of NH-83 is proposed to be included under Phase III of National Highways Development Project (NHDP). It is premature to indicate the time frame for its implementation.

Closing of Zuari bridge

987. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Zuari Bridge on the river Zuari in Goa has been closed for heavy traffic;

(b) the authority which took the decision to close heavy traffic;

(c) whether any survey/assessment has made before passing the order to close heavy traffic;

(d) whether the order is proposed to be reviewed;

(e) whether a new bridge is proposed to be constructed on the Zuari river; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Zuari bridge was closed for all the traffic other than light vehicles (two wheelers, four wheelers, mini buses, pick-up with four wheelers) by the Highway Administration, Goa under National Highway (Traffic and Land) Control Act, 2002 from 16.06.2006 based on the assessment made by an expert from IIT, Mumbai.

(d) The bridge has now been opened to traffic up to 12 Metric tonnes as per recommendations of Central Road Research Institute, New Delhi.

(e) and (f) Construction of a new bridge on river Zuari is included in the widening of NH-17 to four lanes under National Highways Development Project Phase III.